NOVEMBER 1988 NEWSLETTER

THE GOLD HILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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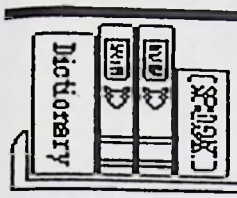


For Your Information

In recent months talk of renaming the streets of Gold Hill has been in the news. This is not a new issue to the city of Gold Hill.

When the town of Gold Hill was first laid out in 1884 the streets running east and west were named as follows, A, B, C, D. E.(which was only about one block long and laid along side of the tracks near the bridge) F and G. Then from the present day 7th street north and south were 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th.

When the Dekum addition was laid out in 1900, the streets were named , from east to west A, B, and C. from north to south they were named Fir (the present 8th st.) then Oak, Pine, Alder, Willow, Laurel, and Ceder being 14th.

As I was thumbing through the May 3, 1907 "Gold Hill News" I came across the following article.

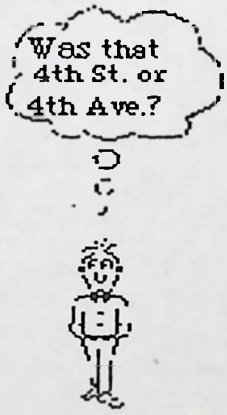
THE STREETS OF GOLD HILL

"Let us learn to designate the streets of Gold Hill by their proper names. It is safe to say that not one-tenth of the people now living in Gold hill know the name of the street they live on. For the benefit of all we print below the names of the streets as they appear on the charts of the city.

A street runs east and west on the hill in front of Postmaster Hammersly's residence. B street is directly back of the school house. C street is in front of the school house. D street is commonly known as Main Street. E street is one block long and runs east and west near the S.P. section house. F street runs in front of Darling & Penninger's livery stable and G comes next.

Running north and south they are designated by numbers. 1st street being along the S.P. right of way fence and runs along W.E. Darling's property. This throws the I.O.O.F. block on the corner of D and 3rd streets, the hotel is on D and 4th and the News office on D and 5th streets: The system of names is simple and easily remembered.

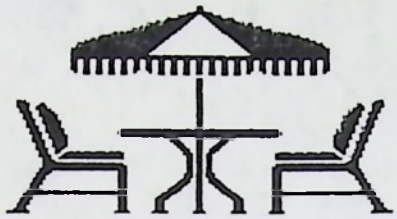
As you can see people were confused even in the beginning. To make matters worse, at the September 3, 1912 council meeting the Mayor, R.C. Kelsey introduced and passed an Ordianace that changed the street names as follows:



A to 7th Ave.
B to 6th Ave.
C to 5th Ave.
D to 4th Ave.
E to 3rd Ave.
F to 2nd Ave
G to 1st Ave.
1st St. to 7th St.
2nd St. to 6th St.
3rd to 5th St.
4th remained 4th
5th St. to 3rd St 6th St. to 2nd St. and 7th St.to 1st St.

And now they are going to rename them again. I'm wondering what kind of a system will be tried next.. LMG 1988

Linda has taken pictures of most of the historic houses in the town of Gold Hill. If anyone hes a historic house they would like included in our files please let Linda know and she will come out and take pictures and record anything you might know about your house. This is an important step in preserving the history of our community. The house does not need to be in the city limits to be recorded. Our Society encompasses a five mile radius. Contact Linda Genew at 855-7260 or 855-1498



For those of you that didn't attend our picnic you missed one of the funnest days in the short history of our Society.

Don and Clare Moore put on the most interesting program on black powder and the traditions of mountain men and women.

Genevieve Heil did a dance on a T V tray(you had to be there!) Gen's program was one of the most creative skits we have seen in a long time.

Alice Bottleson, Crayetta Armstrong, and Alice Taylor did a skit about sneaking contra-ban through an airport. The skit had a twist at the end that made everyone roar with laughter.

Good food, good people and a good time was enjoyed by all.

We sure hope to see you all next August at the 1st annual Gold Hill Historical Society picnic.

A BIG THANK YOU to Tom Cushman, who did not know that he would have to build our booth for GOLD DUST DAYS FOR KIDS SAKE. Thanks also goes out to Don and Clare Moore, Genevieve Heil, Mary Bradish and Alice Bottleson for working in the booth.

Due to a miss communication there were more pop venders than we were told would be there. That did not detour our hard workers though, we ended up making nearly $55.00.

ON A MORE SERIOUS NOTE

Many of you are aware of the Jackson County tax for historic preservation. This tax was set up so Societies such as ours could preserve the history of Jackson County for future generations.

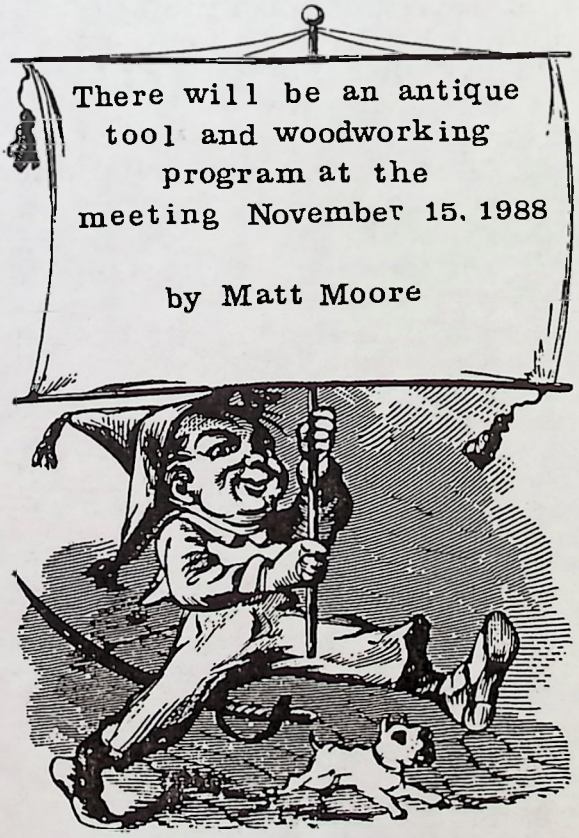
At the present time however the Southern Oregon Historical Society has total control over these funds. The out lying Societies would like to recieve their fair share of this funding. Under the Oregon Statute #358.200 we need only to affiliate with the Oregon Historical Society to qualify for a portion of thes funds. To be affiliated, we need 15 memberships in the Oregon Historical Society. We know of four memberships and need to know if more of you belong. A place has been provided on your renewal form to answer yes or no. Please remember to complete that portion.

Several benefits are encluded with your $20.00 membership. You would recieve four quarterlies per year. If any of you has not seen a Oregon Historical quarterly these are worth the twenty dollars alone. Also encluded would be 6 newsletters per year, lectures, tours, traveling exhibits, and a discount at their book store.

If you wish to join the Oregon Historical Society, you may include your $20.00 membership fee, with your renewal. The Gold Hill Historical Society will forward them all together and affiliate at that time.

Their willingness to help is overwelming. Please show your suppor in this matter.

Eagle Point and the Woodville Museum both belong to the Oregon Historical Society, this is how they qualified for the monies they recieved this year.



Please every one remember that we will be electing new officers at the DECEMBER 20th meeting. If you would like to serve on our board now is the time to speak up. We sure need more folks involved.

Frances and Gene Brown donated several items of interest to our Society included is a Beaver Cement bag, 12 poll books from city elections, and many other items pertaining to Gold Hill history. Thank you Gene and Frances

The Women Artist of the Cascade Mountains held a showing of their artistic interpretations of Gold Hill's historic buildings at the Gold Hill library from October 10 thru the 21st.. I hope everyone got a chance to look at their work.

Please add our newest member to your roster. Crayetta Armstrong 568 5th Ave. phone 855-7903

Anyone that has a story or any antidote that they would like included in the newsletter please feel free to drop it in the mail or call Clare Moore or Linda Genaw.

We desperatly need to have some fund reisers in the very near future, anyone having suggestions please contact your president with your ideas..

We are also in dire need a museum site. If there is anyone that knows of such a place let us know. We have had to take a larger storage spot to hold all of the donations that are coming in. Unfortunately the storage cost money. We need a place of our own so we can share the items we have been recieving.

Announcing

We need a logo of our very own to use on a letterhead, or for other times when our organization needs to be identified.

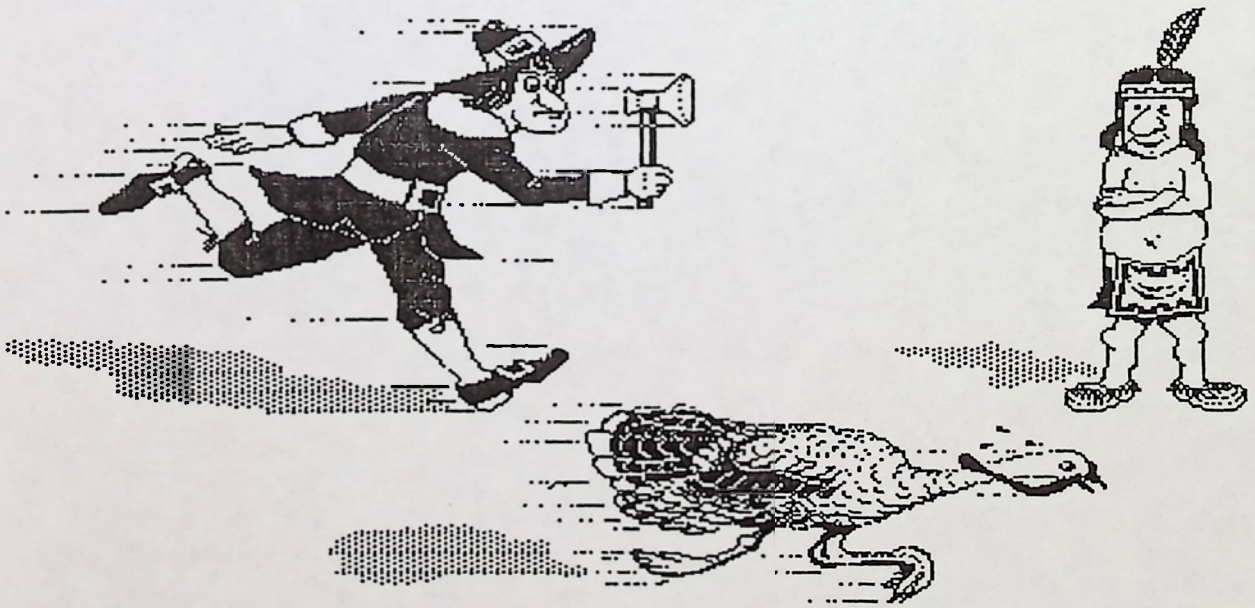
I have decided to make a contest out of this project. I am hoping to get a good response. If you or any of your family has a hidden artistic talent show us your stuff! You may send your designs to our P.O. Box 26 or bring them to the December 20th meeting at the library. They will be voted on by those present.

The winner will recieve a copy of my book "Gold Hill and its Neighbors Along the River". The winner will be notified by phone.

Tom Cushman's father has graciously offered to print the letterhead for the Society.

Linda Genaw, President

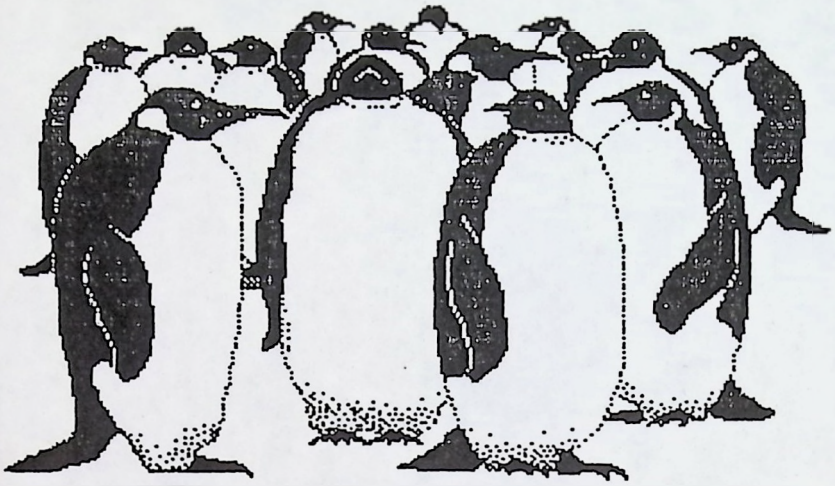
Happy Thanksgiving



Linda Genaw
President

Clare Moore
Secretary

DUES ARE DUE
DECEMBER 31,1988
FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS
ARE STILL $5.00



Please Join Us

Detach and return to P.O. Box 26 Gold Hill, Oregon 97525

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MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS _____

MEMBER OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY _____ YES _____ NO

COMMENTS